

**CONVICT SON
AND FATHER****Of Murder in Second Degree
at Nashville, Tenn.****A SENTENCE OF 20 YEARS****Col. Duncan B. Cooper and Robin Cooper
Found Guilty To-day of Slaying
Former Senator Carmack—
Sharp Was Acquitted.**

Nashville, Tenn., March 20.—Col. Duncan B. Cooper and his son, Robin Cooper, a lawyer, were this morning found guilty of murder in the second degree in killing former United States Senator Edward Ward Carmack on November 9, 1908. They were then sentenced to twenty years each in the penitentiary. The verdict will be appealed on the ground that the sending of the jury back when they reported a tie was an act of coercion. Both the men will be admitted to bail at \$25,000. John D. Sharp, who was accused of the same charge, was yesterday acquitted by the jury, at which time the jury reported that it was "hopelessly tied as to the Coopers."

In spite of the declaration that they were "hopelessly tied," Judge Hart sent the jury back again, saying that he would not discharge them until he was convinced that they could not agree. The jurors at that time looked tired, worn and ill at ease. When they went back to their deliberations yesterday, loud talking was heard from the jury room, indicating that they were having a strenuous time in trying to reach an agreement. Presently they sent word to the sheriff that the room was poorly ventilated, that the plumbing was defective and that some of the jurors were ill.

The case has been with the jury for nearly three days, Judge Hart having concluded his charge at eleven o'clock on Wednesday.

INDISCREET WITH WOMAN.**With a Young Woman, So a Shaker Elder Has Been Unfrooked.**

Pittsfield, Mass., March 20.—Elder Ernest Pick, the head of one of the groups of Shakers at Mount Lebanon, N. Y., miles from here, has been dismissed and unfrooked as a result of an investigation of charges of indiscretion with a young woman. It is said to be the first instance in a century of the unfrooking of an elder of a Shaker community, although members have been dismissed occasionally.

Elder Pick was unfrooked by Sister M. Katherine Allen, "bishop" of the central ministry of the Shakers, who has immediate spiritual oversight of the community at Mount Lebanon and Watervliet, N. Y., Hancock, Mass., and Enfield, Conn.

GANGWAY COLLAPSED.**Three Killed and Forty Injured at English Shipyard Today.**

London, March 20.—Three people were killed and forty were injured in the collapse of a gangway at Barrow-in-Furness today. The workmen were leaving the new Dreadnaught when the gangway went down with them.

POISONING PRAIRIE DOGS.**They Are a Serious Pest to Western Farmers and Stockmen.**

Who would think that the prairie dog, the shy and amusing little rodent that we like to watch before the door of his burrow at the zoo, would ever become the subject of government intervention or endanger the success of stock raising? Yet such is the fact.

Out on the national forests which Uncle Sam is guarding for the use of the public, expert hunters have been killing the prairie dogs with zeal—and poison and the work will go on yet more vigorously next year. In order to demonstrate the effectiveness of the work on an area of some 60,000 to 75,000 acres of actual dogtown was selected for the test by the United States forest service. From eighty to ninety per cent. of the dogs were killed with the first distribution of the poison.

The poison is prepared by coating wheat with a preparation of strychnine, cyanide of potassium, anis oil and molasses. When a sufficient quantity is ready the poisoner, who is armed with the field of operations. There the stockmen gladly supply men and horses; and the wheat is given out to the riders and distribution begins.

Each rider carries the wheat in a tin pail supported by a gunny sack slung across his right shoulder and hanging at his left side. With his right hand he uses a tablespoon to measure out the poison and drop it near the entrance of the holes.

A little practice enables the men to drop the wheat while keeping their horses on a sharp trot. By crossing the town to and fro, like a man sowing grain, they can cover a large area in a surprisingly short time.

It is necessary to go over the ground a second time, and by spotting the occupied holes the remaining dogs will be readily killed. The average cost of poisoning is as low as one cent, and one-half cent.

Prairie dogs are very obnoxious to the stockmen, for they devour much grass and undermine the surface of the ground with their burrows. Where they establish themselves the destruction of the range is only a question of time, and it is hard to say just what amount of feed a prairie dog will consume in the way of grass, it has been estimated by the United States Biological Survey that thirty-two prairie dogs will consume as much grass as one sheep, or 256 dogs as much as one cow.—Technical World.

**TAFT'S HOLIDAY
ENDED THIS MORNING****President Returned to Washington After Being Feted By Yale Graduates in New York City Last Night.**

Washington, D. C., March 20.—President Taft arrived from New York at 7:20 o'clock this morning on his private car "Constitution." A large crowd was waiting at the station, and the president was enthusiastically cheered.

New York, March 20.—With songs of the football field and the best race course, with a deafening cheer and a rousing chorus of "Here's to good old Yale, drink her down," President Taft was greeted last night as the first Yale President of the United States by more than 1,500 graduates of the famous old New Haven university. The graduates came from all over the country. They ranged from silvery-haired old gentlemen whose degrees bear the date of '53 down to the youths who left their alma mater only last June.

The dinner, one of the largest ever given in New York, was served at the Waldorf-Astoria. The immense ball room was decorated with a lavish wealth of flowers. From the vaulted ceiling countless chains of pink rose blossoms fell in graceful loops. The balcony guards and the side walls were twined with the roses. The speakers' table, at which President Taft sat with President Hadley of Yale, and other distinguished graduates of the university, was canopied with artificial representations of the arms of old Yale. Back of the table was a huge drop curtain bearing a painting of the old brick row which was a reality in President Taft's student days but which is now mostly a memory only. The central portion, "Connecticut hall" being preserved in front of the curtain and back of the speakers was a replica of the old Yale fence. The representation of the old barrier was complete down to the last details. Many of the initials including "W. H. T." of Mr. Taft and the "A. T. H." of President Hadley, were faithfully reproduced.

Tables for the diners extended from the floor of the ball room to the balconies usually set aside for spectators and to the Astor gallery. An orchestra played Yale anthems throughout the evening and the singing of the rollicking college songs was led by a glee club of 32 graduates seated at a center table.

President Taft was probably the happiest man at the dinner which was given entirely in his honor. He was not hailed as the president, however, but as "Bill"—the salutation which punctuated the cheering as he entered.

The only speeches of the evening were made by President Taft and President Hadley. The latter spoke first, responding to the toast "Neath the Elms" while the former speaking entirely extemporaneously, had for his subject, "For God, for Country and for Yale." There were other informal speeches. Among the guests at the dinner were Henry W. and Horace D. Taft, brothers of the president.

The precautions taken to guard the president exceeded anything of the kind ever seen in this city. Large squads of blue-coated policemen were thrown about the hotel. Inside the corridors, fairly swarmed with detectives, secret service men and special watchmen.

**1,100 WORKMEN
LOSE JOBS BY FIRE****Wright Wire Company at Worcester, Mass., Destroyed Early Today****Causing a Loss of \$150,000.**

Worcester, Mass., March 20.—The Wright Wire company's plant on Hammond street was destroyed by fire early today. It was a three-story brick building and contained the machinery of the carpenter and weaver shop, all of which was practically ruined. The fire burned fiercely, and the flames were unburned to check it before it had completely gutted the building. The loss is \$150,000. Eleven hundred men were thrown out of employment by the loss of the plant.

Fire Engineer Spooner was badly injured during the fire by walking on the roof of a building. Four other firemen were injured, but not seriously. Engineer Spooner now lies in a critical condition at the hospital.

BIG FREIGHT PIER BURNS.**\$200,000 Loss in Lehigh Valley Property at Jersey City.**

New York, March 20.—Fire, which started yesterday in the land end of an 800-foot Lehigh Valley freight pier in Jersey City, destroyed the pier, stores and sheds and nearly \$200,000 worth of merchandise before it was flooded out by the combined forces of the Hoboken and Jersey City fire departments and a large fleet of tugs and fire boats, which poured in water from the river. The total loss will reach \$200,000.

There was no loss of life, although 75 laborers who were at work loading a barge at the front of the pier narrowly escaped, being cut off from shore by the flames, which spread over the entire structure within a few minutes.

A hand furnace, overturned by tin-smiths at work on the roof, caused the fire.

BODY BEING BROUGHT.**Remains of Petrosino Placed on Board Ship Last Evening.**

Palermo, Sicily, March 20.—Draped with the stars and stripes and covered with flowers, the coffin containing the body of Joseph Petrosino, head of the Italian branch of the New York city detective service, was placed on board the Cunard line steamer Slavonia last evening for conveyance to New York.

Mr. Bishop, the American consul, the civil and military authorities and all classes of the citizens of Palermo joined in the procession which started from the church in which the casket had lain for a time yesterday, and wended its way through the streets of the city to the steamship dock.

**COULDN'T BEAR
HER TROUBLES****Despondent Woman Took
Carbolic Acid and Died****WAS COMING TO VERMONT****Mrs. Thomas R. Belk of Worcester, Mass.,
Was Ill with Tuberculosis—She
Pinned a Note on the Wall
Over Her Bed.**

Worcester, Mass., March 20.—Despondent because of poor health and grieved because she was to leave her Worcester relatives and friends, to make her home in Bellows Falls, Vt., Mrs. Thomas R. Belk of 107 Endicott street, aged 47, committed suicide yesterday afternoon by drinking carbolic acid.

Mrs. Belk had been a sufferer from tuberculosis and it is believed that the strain of packing her household furniture, preparatory to moving to a new home, was too much for her. Mrs. Belk is a mother, and owing to the business depression in Worcester, she had to go elsewhere for work, and he got a job in Bellows Falls, where he had also secured a tenement, and the furniture was all packed and ready to be shipped to-day.

Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Belk sent her 24-year-old son by a former husband, Mr. George, to do an errand up town. She then looked the door and wrote a note, which she pinned to the wall over her bed, reading: "God forgive me for this. Send for my husband. Tell him and my son to pray for me. I am tired of suffering. Forgive me. I cannot live. Get my sister Minnie to help you. Good-bye to all. Bury me any place you like." She then lay down on her bed and drank the contents of a two-ounce bottle of carbolic acid, some of which she spilled over her face, burning the skin. Her body was discovered by her son.

AN OLD CITIZEN.**Orrin S. Abbott of St. Johnsbury Died
This Morning of Pneumonia.**

St. Johnsbury, March 20.—Orrin S. Abbott died at eight o'clock this morning following a five days' illness with pneumonia. He was born in Bath, N. H., on March 17, 1848 and he was educated in the Wells River high school, being a resident of Wells River for 26 years. He came to St. Johnsbury in 1888 and entered the boot and shoe business. He was for some time a director of the board of trade and he had also served as a liter here.

Mr. Abbott married Miss Ella J. Taber of Wells River in 1868, and she survives him, together with five children, William T. Abbott, a lawyer of Chicago; Mrs. David E. Harriman of South Hadley Falls, Mass.; Guy Abbott of Chicago; Mrs. Frank Philbrick of St. Johnsbury and Harold Abbott, a student in the academy here. He also leaves two sisters Mrs. Emma Allen of Lancaster, N. H., and Mrs. Ellen Bayne of Wells River. Mr. Abbott was a member of Pastime lodge, F. and A. M., and Palestine Commandery, Knights Templar.

'ARRESTED ON SUSPICION.**In Connection With Death of His Wife
at Col's Neck, N. J.**

Freehold, N. J., March 20.—George V. Crawford, a former of Col's Neck, five miles from here, was arrested last night by Prosecutor Detective Hulse and committed to the county jail without bail on a charge of manslaughter. He and his wife were in a runaway accident on Main street, Freehold, late last Saturday night. Mrs. Crawford's neck was broken and Crawford was crawling out from the wreckage of the buggy, left her there and walked home. The charge results from that.

Crawford, who is 56 years old, drove to Freehold with his wife early Saturday evening, and while he made a tour of the saloons his wife waited five hours in the carriage. The start home was made at eleven o'clock and Crawford, it is said, was intoxicated then. An hour later Mrs. Crawford's body with her neck broken was found in the top of the overturned carriage. The horse was still in the shafts but had fallen and could not rise. The body was not identified until 5:30 next morning when George Crawford, jr., and Ellis McDonald, son and son-in-law of the accused man, went to the morgue at Freehold. They said that when Mr. Crawford got home at 3:30 o'clock in the morning, he said he didn't know where his wife was.

Coroner Robert M. Purdy decided that an inquest was unnecessary, but yesterday Prosecutor John S. Applegate, jr., caused Mr. Crawford's arrest.

FIRE IN HINESBURG.**Destroyed Barn and Two Cows—Cause
of It Not Known.**

Hinesburg, March 20.—The barn belonging to George D. Kelley of this village was burned to the ground yesterday afternoon at about four o'clock. Two cows were consumed. The family was absent at the time but the neighbors formed a bucket brigade and by hard work saved the buildings of James Bird which was closely adjacent. The origin of the fire is unknown, the owner of the building having been absent several hours when the fire was discovered.

SHAH'S ARMY DEFEATED.**Heavy Loss of Life Near Tabriz Today Says a Dispatch.**

London, March 20.—A dispatch from Tabriz, Persia, today says that the Liberals or Revolutionaries have defeated the troops of the shah in a battle near Tabriz. The loss of life was very heavy.

**DECRIES THE TREND
TOWARD SOCIALISM****Prof. Howard of Middlebury College
Spoke Before Vincitla Club Last
Evening on "The Burden of
Self-government."**

"Hard and personal thinking and courageous contribution to public opinion are parts, and large parts, of the burden of self-government," said Prof. Walter E. Howard of Middlebury college in an address before the members of Vincitla club last evening on the theme of "The Burden of Self-government." That is the intellectual side of the duty, he said. Then, there is the physical side of the duty, which includes going to the primaries, the caucuses, and the conventions and voting at national elections, at state elections, at municipal elections. Prof. Howard urged upon his hearers the necessity for strict adherence to these duties, for, said he, our system of government is still on trial—it always will be.

In the course of his address, the speaker took occasion to score the "hysteria," as he characterized it, of the last few years, in which the country has been involved. On this point he said that this government is not drifting, but whirling with frightful rapidity into the vortex of old-world socialism, under new world conditions. There is not in this country to-day a real conservative party—would there were! Each of the old parties seems to be trying to outstrip the other in the advocacy of radical measures, the priority of invention of new theories of government being fiercely disputed by the partisans of each party, and the campaign trains of the Democratic and Republican candidates seem to be but a block behind the lurid smoke of the "red special." It is quite time that the whole American people in respect of party should stop and think for themselves.

"We may escape immediate direful consequences to-day by the happy selection of the soundest and sanest candidate. But the seed has been sown, and we are likely in no very distant time to reap a plentiful harvest. We have been told so often about 'predatory wealth' by persons in exalted position that the word called proletarian have been fortified in their belief that all property is theft. 'The villain you teach me, I will execute and it shall go hard but I better the instruction.' Children do not make fine distinctions; neither does the proletariat. All this talk about predatory wealth, about the grasping rich, about unscrupulous trusts, about the accumulation of wealth; all this advocacy of confiscation of property, all this surrender to socialistic schemes under specious phrases and all these new and yet old and dangerous catch words of anarchy and desperation that have been screamed in the ears of Europe from the day of Babeuf to the day of Debs, these are the things that will some day usher in a reign of terror in this country that will make the French Revolution seem like the playtime of a summer's day—if we don't watch out."

"The pupil is little less than a mama. This continual harping on the sins of the rich, as if the poor had no sins; this daily and weekly preaching against the sins of people who are not present; this codding of those who have nothing and teaching them that they have some sort of mysterious grievance against those who have something; this perpetual rant against the rich and the prosperous whose wealth and prosperity, nine times out of ten, are the result of their own industry, temperance, and frugality—this dangerous and false insinuation that the Lord loves the poor and hates the rich—all these things that come from the pulpit, press, and platform teaching, as fast as they possibly can, the most dangerous socialistic doctrines, setting class against class—these are the lighting fire that may smoulder long, but will be hard to quench."

"What we need in this country and at this time is more brains and less hysteria; more common sense and less rant; more patriots and fewer demagogues, more thought and less wild barbarism."

"And yet, is a concrete case in point. Some people are very much exercised over the Wall Street innuence, fearing that New York will ruin the business interests of this country; but it is quite possible that we shall yet see the financial theories of Oklahoma put into practice and the singularly simple socialistic plan adopted of compelling the rich and the prudent to contribute to the losses of wild-cat bankers and sage-brush financiers. Between cow-boy politics and jack-rabbit finance we are certainly between the devil and the deep sea."

"I know the reply that the hysterical statesmen make. If we don't yield to the demands of socialism we shall do a great deal worse. That is not the exact wording of their reply, but when it is sugared off that is just what it means. It is the same old socialistic story—make a good dollar lug a bad one—make the frugal lug the spendthrift—make the worker lug the lazy and the loafer. Debs, his dupes, we have heard always with us, and while we may hate the one and despise the other, we must not lose sight of the fact that the one has influence and the other has votes."

Following Prof. Howard's address, President Frank L. Small of the club introduced the Rev. Edward C. Downey of the University church, who spoke entertainingly for ten minutes. Gilbertson's orchestra furnished music during the evening, and at the close of the entertainment a buffet lunch was served.

MAY GET INDUSTRY.**White River Junction Is After Atwood
Suspender Company.**

White River Junction, March 20.—The board of trade held a well attended meeting last evening to hear the report of the committee which went to Swanton last week to investigate the proposition of the Atwood Suspender company, which is desirous of locating here. It was found that most if not all of the requirements of the company could be easily filled here and it was the consensus of opinion that all reasonable inducements should be offered the company to come. A cheaper tax rate, lower insurance, better shipping facilities and all day electric power are among the inducements that may be expected to call this as well as other enterprises as soon as the advantages of the location are fully advertised.

TALK OF THE TOWN.**C. H. Bigelow of Brookfield was a
business visitor in this city yesterday.**

Among business visitors in this city to-day were W. L. Talbot, Boston; J. W. McAfee, George A. Mosher, Boston; A. F. Leonard, Springfield, Mass.

On Sunday, March 21, at the nine o'clock mass, the Ladies' Auxiliary, A. O. U. E., will receive holy communion in a body. Members are earnestly requested to receive at this mass. Take the front seats of middle aisle.

**1909 HONORS
AT SPAULDING****Harold Burroughs Took First
Place in Full Course****CARRIE LINEKIN IS SECOND****Elsie Camp Is Third, While Mary Boyce
Won First Place in Commercial
Course—Biggest Class in
History.**

The 1909 class scholarship honors at Spaulding high school were announced yesterday, the first honor going to Harold Burroughs of this city, who took the Latin-Scientific course. The second and third honors in the four years' course went to young ladies, Miss Carrie Linekin of this city being second and Miss Elsie Camp of Randolph Center third. The first honor in the commercial course was won by Miss Mary Boyce of East Barre. According to the standing, Burroughs and Miss Linekin will speak at the graduating exercises, together with Miss Boyce, while Miss Camp will give the class essay at the class day exercises.

The graduating class will be the largest ever to get diplomas from the school, numbering approximately fifty. As has been the case during the past few years, there are about the same number of boys as girls, whereas formerly there were very few boys to graduate because of the practice of leaving high school during the early years of the course in order to seek various occupations. Recently, too, the boys have contributed the leader in scholarship, which was unusual several years ago. Quite a number of the class are planning to enter college in the fall.

The class of 1910 of Spaulding gave its second annual reception in the high school chapel last evening at 8 o'clock. The reception was well attended by the students, as well as by many friends, there being the closing event of the winter term of school; and a most enjoyable evening was spent by everyone. Punch and wafers were served at intermission. The following program was given: Chorus solo, led by Miss Callaghan, '90, a vocal solo by Miss Anna Robertson, cornet solo by Miss Russell, all of which were highly appreciated by the audience. Then came a gentleman's march, led by Mr. Maiden, '11. After intermission came the ladies' march, led by Miss Hoar, '09.

The farce, "Chums," was given in a pleasing manner, this being the feature of the evening. The following is the cast of characters: "Flora Strong," Sophia Campbell; "Mrs. Breed," Elizabeth Carson; "Harry Breed," James Grigg; "Tom Burnham," Howard Miles; "Mrs. Breed," Francis Abern. Harry Fisher was stage manager. The reception closed with a gentleman's march led by Mr. Connolly.

Much credit is due the committee in charge for making it one of the most successful receptions ever given at Spaulding. The committee was composed of Elizabeth Carson, Margaret Stoughton, Sophia Campbell, Gladys Bradford, Harry Averill, Arthur Bugbee and Herman Downes.

**WAS NOT MURDERED
AS WAS SUPPOSED****John Foley, Once a Star Base Ball
Player on The Brattleboro Team,
Now Writes For Information
About His Relatives.**

Brattleboro, March 20.—A letter has just been received in Brattleboro from John Foley of Peoria, Ill., who was supposed to have been murdered in Chicago 22 years ago. It was addressed to Foley's brother, Bartholomew, who died eight years ago, and it asked for news of the Foley family. All the Brattleboro members of the Foley family are dead, so the letter was turned over to John Foley's aunt, Mrs. C. C. Turner.

Foley was Brattleboro's star baseball player more than 25 years ago. After the Boston National league team won the championship in 1883 it played a series of exhibition games, one of which was against the Brattleboro team, with Foley in the box. He struck out 13 of the professionals and was the fastest court tryman they met on their trip.

The next year Foley joined the Quincy Ill. club of the Western league. He never returned to this town, but he was heard from as a ball player in various cities. Bartholomew Foley received Chicago papers 22 years ago giving an account of the murder of his brother on the streets of that city. The relatives were unsuccessful in their attempts to get further information.

When Foley disappeared, his parents Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Foley, who lived on Frost street, a brother and four sisters were living. The only survivor is Matilda, wife of John Carney of Athol, Mass. The news of the supposed murder of John Foley never was told to his parents. The letter gave no information about Foley, but a communication has been sent him asking for details of his wanderings.

SARGOOD IN COURT AGAIN.**Sandgate Man Claims He Is Being Illegally Restrained.**

Bennington, March 20.—Acting as attorney, J. K. Batchelder, of Arlington, has brought habeas corpus proceedings against the superintendent of the state prison at Windsor in the case of Eugene E. Sargood of Sandgate, who was sentenced at the December term of Bennington county court for fourteen years at hard labor. Sargood was tried on three offenses, poisoning young colts, perjury, and poisoning Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hicks. He was convicted on all counts, but the conviction for perjury was taken to the supreme court, which returned the case to county court. On the perjury count he was never retried. Sargood is just completing his first term at Windsor and proceedings are brought on the ground that a second term must follow the first, and as the prisoner must be convicted on the perjury count he is being restrained illegally.

FOR STEALING RIDE.**Two Men Sentenced to Thirty Days in
Jail on Railroad's Complaint.**

Judge Harvey had a busy afternoon in Montpelier city court yesterday afternoon when the respondents came up in quick succession. Percy Downey, aged 16, who had confessed to stealing \$16 at H. O. Kent's store on Thursday night, was arraigned on the charge of petty larceny and he pleaded guilty. Grand Juror Bailey then asked the court to put the youth on probation, and Judge Harvey announced that he would have Probation Officer Thomas look up the boy's record and report.

Similar action was taken with the cases against Howard Chaucery Recor and Jean Jaquet, two youths who were charged with stealing twelve trinkets and four packs of cards from Albini, the magician. The boys pleaded guilty, and the probation officer was asked to look up their records before the court took action.

Probation Officer Thomas came before Judge Harvey this forenoon and recommended that all the boys be placed on probation, which was done by Judge Harvey after he had sentenced Recor and Downey to the industrial school for the remainder of their minority and Jaquet to three months' imprisonment. The court gave the three boys a lot of rules which they must live up to during the period of their probation.

Frank Kelley and John Jamison, both of whom claimed Boston as their residence, were arraigned for riding on a Central Vermont train without having gone through the formality of settling with the railroad, they having been arrested at Montpelier Junction by railroad detective J. H. Thompson. The men pleaded not guilty and stated that they had not ridden on the train in question, which was a freight. Detective Thompson said he arrested them when they had alighted from the train, and that Jamison had declared at that time that he would ride again, free gratis, when he got the first opportunity. This statement Jamison denied making, when in court.

Inasmuch as the court wanted further evidence the case was adjourned until this morning when the conductor and engineer of the train in question, Timothy Holland and William Shannon of these two witnesses this morning was such that Judge Harvey sentenced both the respondents to thirty days in the county jail, after adjudging them guilty.

**CASE COMPLETED
ALL EXCEPT CHARGE****That Will Be Given in the Paton-Sterling
Suit When Court Reopens on
Monday Afternoon, Followed
by Spicer-Rand Suit.**

When Washington county court adjourned at Montpelier to-day at noon, the arguments had been finished in the Paton vs. Sterling suit, and Judge Stanley announced that he would charge the jury on the reopening of court on Monday at two p. m. This is a Barre Town case.

As soon as that case has been given to the jury, the court will take up the case of Spicer vs. Rand for alleged false imprisonment in which David Spicer, the erstwhile wrestler of local note, sues Tax Collector Rand of Hardwick for \$2,500 damages. Spicer lived in Hardwick for a time and got listed there. Subsequently he stored his goods and went to Montpelier, where he now resides. He claims that he paid a tax in Montpelier for a certain year and that Collector Rand came down from Hardwick and demanded his tax of \$3 for the same year. Spicer protested that Rand had no right to collect and finally submitted to going to jail.

Spicer remained behind the bars just long enough for him to say he had been there, after which he paid Rand the tax demanded. But his going to jail was a chapter in a suit which he had in mind, for he forthwith brought an action against the Hardwick tax collector, declaring that he had been imprisoned falsely. He has enlisted a formidable array of legal talent, having engaged Harland B. Howe of St. Johnsbury, Senter & Senter and William A. Lord of Montpelier. He says that if he wins this suit against Tax Collector Rand, the selectmen of Hardwick will be on his list with a suit for a similar amount.

REPORT MISLEADING.**Dr. D. K. Pierson Not Dead and is in
Fact Much Improved.**

The report which was received in Montpelier yesterday concerning Dr. D. K. Pierson, the Chicago philanthropist, who has promised aid to Montpelier seminary, was misleading. It was that Dr. Pierson had been stricken with heart failure, which was taken to mean that he had died, at Pasadena, Cal. But the interpretation was incorrect. Dr. Pierson, although rendered quite ill, is still alive and is now considerably improved, so that it is thought that he will recover in spite of his advanced age.

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ILL A LONG TIME.**Miss Elizabeth Archambault Died Yesterday Afternoon.**

The death of Miss Elizabeth Archambault occurred at 1:10 yesterday afternoon at the home of her brother, Dr. Z. Archambault of Summer street. Miss Archambault was 26 years of age and was born in Canada. Death was the result of a three years' illness with pulmonary tuberculosis. Miss Archambault was for a year in Fall River, Mass., undergoing treatment and came to Barre last July. She is survived by her parents, who reside in Montreal, four brothers and three sisters. The remains were taken to Montreal last night for interment.

**CLERKS TURN DOWN
PROPOSED BILL****And They Instruct Their Committee to
Again Confer With The Commit-
tee From The Merchants'
Association.**

The special meeting of the Clerks' union held last evening to vote on the agreement question with the Barre Merchants' association resulted in no progress towards a settlement being made. The terms of an agreement which had been arranged by the committee from the union and the association were presented to the meeting last evening, and the union refused to accept them, and instructed their committee to again confer with the merchants' committee.

Among arrivals at the Hotel Otis yesterday were F. S. Retan, Burlington; C. K. Hall, Portland, Me.; Edward Trippe, Boston; Rose Baker, Montpelier; John McLean, Waterville, N. H.

**TWIN CITIES
ARE READY****To Enter a Base Ball League
This Summer****ON STATED CONDITIONS****Directors Elected at Annual Meeting Last
Night and Favorable Statements
Were Received from
Several.**

That the Barre-Montpelier base ball association is ready and anxious to have a base ball team this summer, providing a league can be formed under a guarantee that the teams will play out the season, was decided upon at the annual meeting of the association held last evening in the granite manufacturers' rooms in the C. W. Averill building. There was a dozen of the stockholders of the two cities present and E. R. Bailey, president of the association presided.

Six directors, three from each city, were elected for the ensuing year as follows: Thomas G. Carswell, William Wisnart and Arthur C. Moore of Barre, D. T. Donnelly, Arthur W. Daley and W. E. Poole of Montpelier. The Barre directors are the same as last year.

The treasurer Charles Wisnart reported that the association was entirely free from debt and had the "smug" sum of \$3.98 in the treasury. The \$1,745 indebtedness which the association was under at the close of the 1907 season has all been settled up.